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US and Mexico to set up joint team to fight drug cartels

U.S. and Mexican law enforcement authorities will set up a joint team based in Chicago that targets the leaders and finances of drug cartels that ship opioids into the United States, aiming to stanch a spike in overdose deaths, officials said on Wednesday.

The announcement of a fresh effort at cooperation on security issues comes at a time of strained relations between the two neighboring countries and around four months before President-elect Andrés Manuel López Obrador, a left-leaning nationalist, is due to take power in Mexico.

López Obrador has vowed to shake up Mexico's war on drug cartels and wants to rewrite the rules, aides have said, suggesting negotiated peace and amnesties rather than a hardline strategy that critics say has only perpetuated violence.

He has also said he wants to reset relations with the United States, which have been rocky since Donald Trump became president.

"We are sure the next president of the republic will be willing to collaborate in the fight against organized crime," Felipe de Jesús Muñoz Vázquez, Mexico's deputy attorney general for the specialized investigation of federal crimes unit, told a joint U.S.-Mexican news conference in Chicago.

There was no immediate comment on Wednesday from López Obrador's team, but his future security minister, Alfonso Durazo, has said all cooperation agreements between the two countries will be reviewed.

That includes the decade-old $2.9 billion Merida Initiative that directs aid from U.S. agencies to Mexico to fight organized crime and drug trafficking, said Durazo earlier this month.

López Obrador wants to refocus aid to social and economic projects, he said.

Targeting cartel finances was key in stopping the flow of drugs because "the sole purpose of these entities is one thing and one thing only — money," said Anthony Williams, chief of operations for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, on Wednesday.

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> **Anthony Williams, COO for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration**

Mexico remains the principal highway for cocaine to the United States and has become the top source of heroin, which is fueling a surge in opioid addiction in the United States. It is also a major supplier of methamphetamine. REUTERS

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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

The sheer volume of horror in the Pennsylvania attorney general's grand jury report on sex abuse in six Pennsylvania dioceses (Philadelphia's was previously investigated) defies all description and beggars belief for the depths of perversion that men of the cloth were capable of engaging in. While the revelations in the graphic and disturbing report reverberate internationally, we talk to a trauma recovery expert about how Catholics, the community and the clergy itself can possibly heal. Answer: It won't be easy, and it might not even be possible. Read more on page 4 and on **metrophilly.us.**

BUDDHIST MONK RESIGNS FOLLOWING SEX SCANDAL

1 One of China's highest-ranking Buddhist monks quit as the head of the country's Buddhist association on Wednesday after facing a government investigation over accusations of sexual misconduct. The abbot of Longquan Temple on the outskirts of Beijing, who is also a member of the Communist Party's top political advisory body, has denied accusations of harassing and demanding sexual favors from several nuns. The Buddhist Association of China said in a statement on its website that it had accepted Master Xuecheng's offer to resign from the chairmanship and other posts on Wednesday, without elaborating on the reasons. China's religious affairs administration launched an investigation following accusations leveled against the abbot in a document prepared by two former monks at the monastery. Xuecheng issued a denial on his Weibo microblog account, saying the allegations stemmed from "fabricated material" and "distorted facts." The case is one of the most prominent to have arisen since the #MeToo movement began to gain momentum in China.

MANAFORT: 'HUGE DUMPSTER OF HIDDEN MONEY'

2 Paul Manafort had "a huge dumpster of hidden money" abroad, a prosecutor said on Wednesday, urging a jury to convict U.S. President Donald Trump's former campaign chief on financial fraud charges based more on a paper trail of evidence than on the testimony of a former protege. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Andres gave his closing statement in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, where Manafort is on trial on tax and bank fraud charges, along with failing to disclose foreign bank accounts. The jury is expected to begin deliberating on a verdict on Thursday morning. The trial is the first to come out of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election. The charges involve tax and bank fraud, not possible collusion between Russia and Donald Trump's campaign for president. A Manafort conviction would undermine efforts by Trump and some Republican lawmakers to paint Mueller's Russia inquiry as a political witch hunt, while an acquittal would be a setback for the special counsel.

EGYPTIAN BAND'S CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF GAZA

3 An Egyptian "Devavin" band performs at the ruins of Said al-Mishal Cultural Center in Gaza City on Wednesday. The area was destroyed by Israeli airstrikes in recent days.

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UK HEAT HELPS UNCOVER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

4 Britain's hottest summer in decades has revealed cropmarks across the country showing the sites of Iron Age settlements, Roman farms and even Neolithic monuments dating back thousands of years, archaeologists said on Wednesday. Cropmarks — patterns of shading in crops and grass seen most clearly from the air — form faster in hot weather as the fields dry out, making this summer's heat wave ideal for discovering such sites. Archaeologists at the public body Historic England have been making the most of the hot weather to look for patterns revealing the ancient sites buried below, from Yorkshire in the north down to Cornwall in the southwest. "We've discovered hundreds of new sites this year spanning about 6,000 years of England's history," said Damian Grady, aerial reconnaissance manager at Historic England. "Each new site is interesting in itself, but the fact we're finding so many sites over such a large area is filling in a lot of gaps in knowledge about how people lived and farmed and managed the landscape in the past," he said.

CUBA FREES LEADING DISSIDENT 12 DAYS LATER

5 A leading Cuban dissident said he was freed from jail on Wednesday, 12 days after his arrest for attempted murder following a car crash in which he hit and injured an official from the Communist-run island's interior ministry. Jose Daniel Ferrer, leader of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), told Reuters he had been held incommunicado since his arrest over the traffic incident on Aug. 3. Ferrer is accused of deliberately trying to run over a government official. Amnesty International, the U.S. State Department and others had demanded his release. "They have not taken away the charge of attempted murder. They simply lifted my preventive detention," Ferrer said in a telephone interview. Based on previous experience, he suggested it could be months or even years before authorities offer any clarity about his legal status and how the case against him might end. "The investigation is continuing to decide if it goes to court. In 2012 they charged me with organizing public disturbances and six years later they have not brought me before the court," he said.

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Todd Frey, right, seen in a 1982 photo at age 13 with former priest Guy Marsico, who Frey says sexually abused him. Marsico was never criminally charged. Frey supported the release of the Catholic sex abuse report. COURTESY OF KLINE & SPECTER PC

Healing hard to imagine after 1,000-victim Catholic sex abuse scandal revealed

Revelations of an estimated 1,000-plus victims and 300 child predators hidden by Pennsylvania clergy officials shocked the nation.

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The recent grand jury report issued by Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro on Catholic sex abuse at six dioceses around the state, with only partial redactions, exposed the public to pervasive Catholic sex abuse at six dioceses around the state, universally concealed by church officials.

While Catholic sex abuse scandals have been reported before, the revelation that hundreds more predators than previously known were actively sexually abusing children has shaken many to their core.

"These are the people you would think are going to be most safe, because they're connected to a faith-based dynamic and God," said Gerry Vassar, CEO of Lakeside International, which trains professionals to help those who have experienced trauma. "Now we find in even that, children have been taken and abused."

In the day since the grand jury's report, Pope Francis has remained silent on the reports. And as the report reverberated nationwide, Catholic Church officials said they were "profoundly saddened each time we hear about the harm caused as a result of abuse, at the hands of a clergyman of any rank," but pointed out that the report spanning decades of abuse that was documented in confidential church records reviewed by the Pennsylvania grand jury all detailed past incidents.

The six Pennsylvania Dioceses where predators allegedly molested children and were protected by church higher-ups have issued apologies and pledges to work for victims.

For those who have survived a life-impacting traumatic event, Vassar said, therapy and social help are necessary to recovery because some changes are permanent.

"It imprints on the brain in such a way, this affects a person's whole life, emotionally and physically," Vassar said of experiences like childhood sexual abuse. "Some of this trauma is disregulating. It means I have a very hard time living in my cortex, where I'm cognitive; I live mainly in the fear parts of the brain, and the fear parts of the brain are highly anxious."

That brain change can leave people living in states of hypervigilance or disassociation; experiencing things like insomnia, fatigue and panic, or completely checking out of day-to-day life. For those whose complaints were ignored by authorities, the pain can be even worse, he said.

Vassar said trauma victims will need an approach that includes giving them a voice to share their experiences, looking at the incident itself to realize they were not at fault, learning self-care and emotional self-regulation, and therapy. But the church itself will have to aid in the healing process through transparency, he said.

"We're talking about people's faith and people's love of God and something they've relied on," Vassar said. "All of that's been damaged, unless we can come clean."

The Pennsylvania Attorney General has a clergy sex abuse hotline: 888-538-8541.

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Saudia Shuler at the $25,000 prom party send-off for her high school graduate son in North Philly in June 2017. PROVIDED VIA @ COUNTRYCOOKIN1 ON INSTAGRAM

North Philly mom behind viral camel prom accused of fraud

Saudia Shuler is accused of feigning disability after throwing extravagant party for son accused of feigning disability.

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North Philly mom and chef Saudia Shuler got viral media attention for the extravagant high school graduation party she threw her son back in 2017, which famously featured a camel and was said to cost $25,000.

But federal prosecutors have now indicted Shuler, 44, for Social Security fraud and theft of government funds, for allegedly collecting $36,785.67 in benefits for being "disabled" — even as she continued to work and operate her catering business.

"I got the best lawyer in the business."
Saudia Shuler

Shuler didn't appear to be fazed by the charges. "Let's get ready to rumble," she wrote in an Instagram post, noting that she hired prominent local defense attorney Tariq El-Shabazz, who unsuccessfully ran for the nomination as Philly district attorney in 2017. "I got the best lawyer in the business."

"Did they all say 140 years?" she added. "If y'all wanna help me, repost my gravy and make the world wanna taste it. My attorney will handle the rest."

Shuler was also known for organizing a "Black Panther"-themed prom send-off and a North Pole Christmas party near her restaurant. But the feds said she was illegally collecting disability benefits during that time.

"The defendant applied for benefits from the Social Security Administration, claiming she was disabled and unable to work," said the office of William McSwain, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in a press release. "After Social Security approved the benefits, the defendant allegedly continued working, including operating her own restaurant. This work and income were never reported to Social Security, in violation of program rules."

If convicted, Shuler will face a full restitution order to repay all $36,785.67, and a maximum prison sentence of up to 140 years, the feds said.

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Florida school opens for classes with new security after massacre

The Florida high school where a gunman killed 17 people in February opened on Wednesday for a new school year with three armed guards and other new security measures that some parents and students worried would not be enough.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland doubled its campus security detail to 18, including three armed uniformed sheriff's deputies. The school's 3,300 students wore new identification badges as they funneled through three entrances to the sprawling 45-acre campus. During the school year, only one heavily monitored entrance will allow visitors on campus. REUTERS

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Trump revokes ex-CIA chief's security clearance, slamming critic

President Donald Trump moved to penalize an outspoken critic on Wednesday, revoking the security clearance of Obama-era CIA Director John Brennan for what he said was "a series of unfounded and outrageous allegations" about his administration.

Trump, in a statement read to reporters by White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders, also announced he was evaluating whether other former high-ranking officials — all of whom have criticized him — should have their security clearances withdrawn as well.

The decision came a day after Brennan, who headed the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency under Democratic President Barack Obama, leveled a blistering attack against Trump for the president's tweeted criticism of former White House aide Omarosa Manigault Newman, who wrote a book critical of Trump.

"It's astounding how often you fail to live up to minimum standards of decency, civility, & probity. Seems like you will never understand what it means to be president, nor what it takes to be a good, decent, & honest person. So disheartening, so dangerous for our Nation," Brennan wrote.

Trump, without mentioning specific comments made by Brennan, said the former CIA leader had engaged in "frenzied commentary" and had sought to "sow division and chaos" about the Trump administration.

"Mr. Brennan has recently leveraged his status as a former high-ranking official with access to highly sensitive information to make a series of unfounded and outrageous allegations — wild outbursts on the internet and television — about this administration," Trump said.

Brennan, in a tweet, said he would not back down.

"It's astounding how often you fail to live up to minimum standards of decency, civility, & probity."
John Brennan

"This action is part of a broader effort by Mr. Trump to suppress freedom of speech & punish critics. It should gravely worry all Americans, including intelligence professionals, about the cost of speaking out. My principles are worth far more than clearances. I will not relent," he said.

Trump said he may also revoke the clearances of other critics, including former U.S. national intelligence director James Clapper, former FBI Director James Comey, former Obama national security adviser Susan Rice, former National Security Agency director Michael Hayden and former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, among others.

Also on the list was Bruce Ohr, a current Justice Department official in the criminal division.

Brennan has frequently appeared on cable television news shows and punched out tweets to attack Trump's foreign policy positions.

He was particularly biting about the president's joint news conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Helsinki a month ago. Trump said he tended to believe Putin's denials about Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election despite the U.S. intelligence community view that Moscow was to blame. REUTERS

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Hospitals scrap surgeries, Venezuelans forgo showers as taps run dry

At one of Caracas' biggest public hospitals, most bathrooms are closed. Patients fill jugs from a tiny tap on the ground floor that sometimes has a trickle of water. Operations are postponed or canceled.

The Central Venezuelan University hospital, once a Latin American leader, is reeling as taps run dry.

"I have gone to the operation bloc and opened the tap to wash my hands, as you must do before a surgery, and nothing comes out," said gynecologist Lina Figueria.

Water cuts are the latest addition to a long list of woes for Venezuelans hurting from a fifth year of an economic crisis that has sparked malnutrition, hyperinflation and emigration.

Malfunctions in the capital's water network due to lack of maintenance have taken a turn for the worst in recent months, depriving many in this city of 3 million people of regular running water.

Caracas is nestled in a verdant valley perched at around 2,953 feet and its water is pumped from much lower sources. But the pumps have not been maintained, spare parts are scarce and President Nicolas Maduro's administration is short of cash.

"For many years this deterioration process was not noticeable. But now the water transport systems are very damaged," said Jose De Viana, former president of Hidrocapital, the state-run utility in charge of Caracas' water supply.

Venezuela's socialist government typically says water cuts are due to sabotage by right-wing "terrorists."

Information Minister Jorge Rodriguez in July announced a "special plan" to fix the issues, but did not provide details. The Information Ministry and Hidrocapital did not respond to a request for information.

Lack of water — and taps that sometimes spurt out brown liquid — have triggered health concerns in a country lacking basic antibiotics and vaccines.

Medical consequences are hard to gauge as the Health Ministry no longer releases once-weekly data, but doctors say scabies and diarrhea are on the rise. Water shortages have also made some basic daily activities untenable. Poor residents say they take fewer showers.

In the low-income neighborhood of Catia, university professor Mariangela Gonzalez, 64, has 127 bottles, gas containers and pots clogging the entrance to her house.

"When the water comes on, we have to run," said Gonzalez. REUTERS

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Jose De Viana,
Former president of Hidrocapital

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Reebok debuts shoe made from cotton and corn

The environment-friendly sneaker marks the first iteration of the Reebok sustainability line.

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Looking to lead a greener life? You can take a step toward sustainability with a new shoe from Reebok made from cotton and corn.

Reebok, which is headquartered in Boston, has officially launched the first product in its new Cotton and Corn program, the sneaker company's sustainable products initiative.

The ethos of the environment-friendly program is to make footwear with "things that grow." That's instead of from things like petroleum- and oil-based products, which are "pulled from the ground, and once you use them, you can't ever use them again," Bill McInnis, head of Reebok Future, the company's innovation department, previously told Metro.

The first shoe in this sustainability initiative is the NPC UK Cotton and Corn sneaker, which officially launched this week.

The NPC UK Cotton and Corn sneaker, which comes in unisex sizes and retails for $95, features an upper made from 100 percent cotton that is soft and flexible, and a corn-based sole that feels just as sturdy as any other sneaker's. The insoles are derived from castor bean oil, according to the company, and the footwear comes in packaging that is 100 percent recycled.

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"The NPC UK Cotton + Corn is the only footwear product on the market that has been certified as containing 75 percent USDA certified biobased content," McInnis said in a statement. "And this is just the start for us. We are on an ongoing path to create a different type of footwear — so that you can feel good about what you're wearing and where it came from."

Long-term sustainability is the goal for Reebok, as the company looks to create an environment-friendly sneaker on a large scale.

When it comes to making sneakers out of petroleum, which is used to create synthetic rubber and foam cushioning, "with 20 billion pairs of shoes made every year, this is not a sustainable way of making footwear," McInnis explained in a statement.

But with cotton and corn shoes, made from things that grow and can be regrown, the company hopes a plant-based shoe can change not just the sneaker world, but Earth's sustainability overall.

The NPC UK Cotton and Corn sneaker from Reebok was created to be an environment-friendly option compared with petroleum-based shoes. REEBOK

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These confections — Lofthouse sugar cookies — are topped with cherry Slurpee frosting as an ode to the treat.

Food blogger JunkFoodMom first Instagrammed these last week. She posted an update Wednesday about the taste, writing, "Found these a few days ago and was hesitant to try them. I figured they'd be sickly sweet. Well I'm glad I dived in because these are actually very good!"

She continued on to say they taste just like the cherry drink, adding, "They are not overly sweet like most of these type of cookies. The frosting is fairly thick but is perfectly balanced with the soft cookie. I like 'em!"

The blogger also promised that if you're a fan of the refreshment, you need to give them a try.

"Tried these, there [sic] pretty good!" another user wrote on the first post about the cookies.

The cookies come in a pack of 10, and the packaging features the iconic Slurpee logo.

The company told Metro that the cookies are being sold for a limited time at participating locations nationwide. It's the first year 7-Eleven is offering Lofthouse cookies in this flavor.

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LET'S COOL DOWN ON THE GROUP TEXTS

OK, so Eric's surprise birthday party is next Wednesday and it's time to let the rest of your friends know if you're coming and what you will be bringing to Samantha's apartment. You've claimed the "chips and dip" portion of the Google Doc that has been circling back and forth among the group, but there are a few people who refuse to check it. Glenn fires off a quick group text to all of the people invited, pressuring people to speak up. There are a solid 20 phone numbers you don't recognize. Most of them keep silent, but the 15 people you do know chime in to the conversation. The problem is, people get sidetracked. Now every time you open your phone to give yourself that respite dopamine rush you need to break up the workday, you find 78 texts waiting for you. You scroll through to find no hard data. Just a bunch of emojis and inside jokes that you missed out on 35 texts ago. Oh, look, James just sent a video of a hippopotamus eating a watermelon in one bite. Is he bringing watermelon to the party? Is he bringing Hungry Hungry Hippos? What are we even talking about anymore? The point is, this is all supposed to be simple. We all know what is going on for this party. Do we really need the group chat anymore?

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Taurus Change can be good, as long as it's carefully considered. Learn from the experts and handle each situation you face with diplomacy.

Gemini Trust in your feelings, not in what someone wants you to believe. Self-improvement will lift your spirits and encourage you to bring about positive change.

Cancer Make a change for the right reason. You may feel emotional about something that happens, but acting too quickly will cause a feud.

Leo Emotional situations will mount if you or someone else makes a last-minute change that disrupts plans. Keep the peace and choose kindness over criticism.

Virgo Take a fresh look at an old idea. A slight change will make the difference between stagnation and progress. Older and younger people will offer innovative solutions.

Libra You have plenty to offer, but don't let anyone take advantage of your generosity. You must know when to say no. Take better care of yourself.

Scorpio Emotions will be rumbling around in your head. Don't share with insensitive people who can't fully understand where you are coming from.

Sagittarius Count your money, tuck your possessions away somewhere safe and help only those who are truly in need. Focus on personal gains and time with a loved one.

Capricorn Make a difference by bringing about changes at home or work that will encourage others to pitch in and help.

Aquarius Past problems will surface if you get into an emotional discussion with someone who doesn't remember things the same way you do. Silence is golden.

Pisces Gains can be made if you use your skills to help yourself and the people counting on you. Share your thoughts, not your cash. EUGENIA LAST

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Take a brief escape from the real world with this Netflix rom-com.
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Why the world needs 'To All the Boys I've Loved Before' right now

Director Susan Johnson talks about her new Netflix film and the power of rom-coms.

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"To All the Boys I've Loved Before" director Susan Johnson has opened up about making a luscious and uplifting romantic comedy that she hopes will allow viewers to escape the disarray of the modern world.

Based on the adored 2014 young-adult romantic novel from Jenny Han, "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" revolves around 16-year-old Lara Jean Song Covey (Lana Condor), who over the years has written love letters to all of her five past crushes, however, they were meant only for her own eyes. So when her younger sister posts them to each boy, Lara's world is thrown into chaos as they approach her one by one, which provokes Lara to explore her feelings, future and the budding romance inside of her.

A heart-warming coming-of-age tale, "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" is immediately reminiscent of classics of the genre, but since it's led by Asian-American actor Lana Condor, it still feels very vital and progressive as well.

Ultimately, though Johnson insists she "just wanted to make a movie where people could escape for 90 minutes," especially as "the world is in such disarray." In fact, Johnson believes the current struggles of the world have provoked a rom-com renaissance.

Actor Lana Condor as Lara Jean Song Covey.

"If you think about the history of romantic comedies, look at World War II and the 1980s and the early '90s, when rom-coms were in their heyday," she says. "Here we are 25 years later, and that is always playing in my head when I am reading scripts and trying to pick what projects to do. I just want to give people hope and joy for a few minutes."

"Not every story has to be culturally significant, or change the world. Sometimes it is just entertainment and that is what I loved about the project," Johnson adds. "I wanted people to watch the film and go, 'Oh, hey, it is OK to be friends with my family, to have a good life. It is OK to put yourself out there.' Hopefully, people will reexamine their relationships."

Johnson is aided in this quest by Condor, who excels as Lara. It was an easy casting decision for Johnson to make, as she waxed lyrical about how "bright" the 21-year-old actress is, while insisting that Condor still brought an integral "depth" to the character she "just wasn't seeing in other actors."

"Lara Jean has this innocence about her, but she also thinks that she has her s— together. She has this certain way of doing things all the time," says Johnson. "Lana has this innate beauty. She is just an interesting person. She has an interesting background, her history is interesting, her life has been interesting. So she could just bring all of that into the room."

"To All the Boys I've Loved Before" debuts Friday on Netflix.

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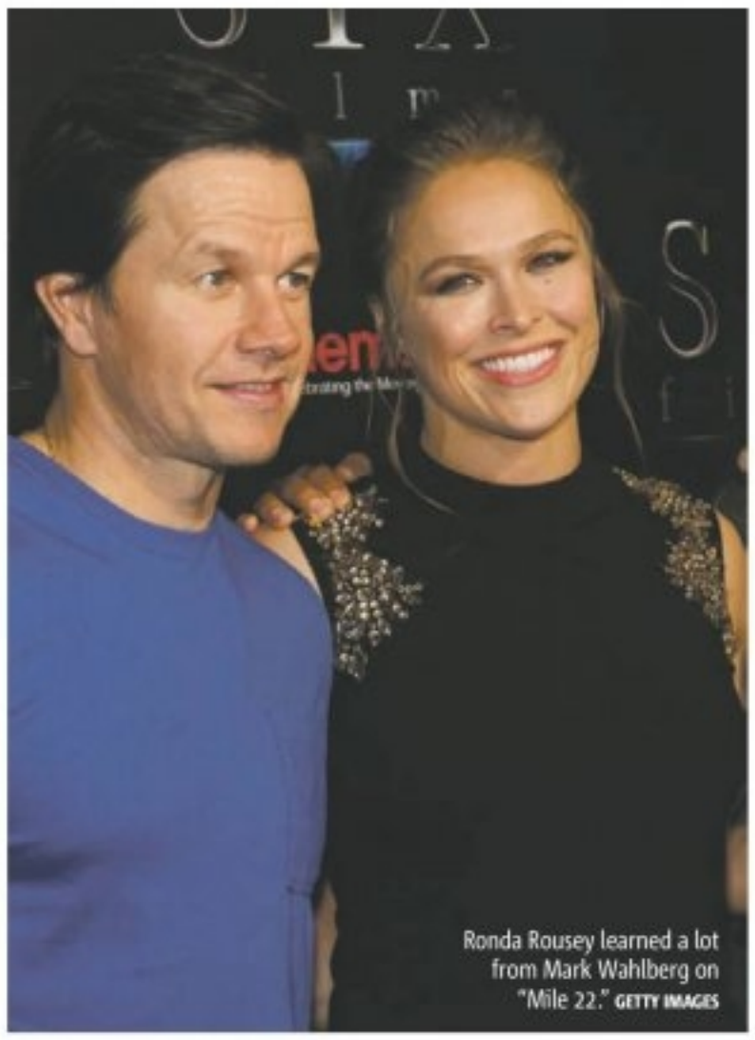
Don't expect to see the WWE star show off her hand-to-hand combat skills in the new action flick. MURRAY CLOSE/STXFILMS



Ronda Rousey learned a lot from Mark Wahlberg on "Mile 22." GETTY IMAGES

Ronda Rousey on the evolution of her acting, what she learned from Mark Wahlberg

The WWE superstar and former UFC champ opens up about her experience working on the new action flick "Mile 22."

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As a WWE superstar and UFC Hall of Fame inductee, Ronda Rousey is used to tossing people around in the ring. Even in blockbusters like "Furious 7," "The Expendables 3" and the "Entourage" movie, Rousey's past big-screen roles have mostly featured her kicking butts and taking names. As you can imagine, the 31-year-old athlete-turned-actress is eager to try new things in the world of Hollywood, which is why she was so excited to work on "Mile 22."

Directed by Peter Berg, the movie revolves around a secret U.S. tactical team that's been tasked with transporting a foreign asset out of Southeast Asia in order to obtain information vital to national security. While "Mile 22" still falls under the action genre, surprisingly, Rousey doesn't show off her hand-to-hand combat skills in the flick. Instead, those duties are left to her castmates Mark Wahlberg, "The Walking Dead" star Lauren Cohan, plus martial arts wiz and "The Raid" actor Iko Uwais.

Ahead of the film's release this weekend, we caught up with Rousey to chat about working with Wahlberg on "Mile 22," the evolution of her acting and more.

We surprisingly don't get to see any armbars or judo tosses from you in "Mile 22." Was it nice to showcase other aspects of your acting arsenal?

I love being able to showcase my martial arts in any way, but that's also not all that I am capable of. I think that Pete definitely made the right call in this film. He said he wanted people to be surprised to even find out that it was me by the end of the film. He didn't want me doing anything like hand-to-hand fighting and [wanted me] purposefully outside of my comfort zone because he made it clear that he believes I am capable of so much more than just that. That belief was a huge responsibility. I set out to prove him right

and I worked really, really hard on this film. I hope that it shows.

Since Berg and Wahlberg both train in boxing and are big fight fans, did they pick your brain at all about the fight game or try to start any light sparring sessions with you on set?

No, nobody tried to fight me on set. If anything, I was asking them. I was the student there. That's their arena and area of expertise, and I was the one absorbing all the information for them. Maybe they did learn something from me, I don't know. There wasn't much fighting for me to do in the film. I was mostly just trying to learn instead of teach.

You were pretty pumped to work with Wahlberg leading up to production. What kind of acting tips or tricks did you learn from him during this experience?

He's just such a great example of professionalism. He came every single day completely and totally prepared. It was impressive how many ... just pages and pages of dialogue he would have memorized, and be able to deliver them differently every time and still be able to improvise if Pete asked something completely different from him at the same time. I realized that I had no idea how amazing of an actor Mark Wahlberg is by the end of this film. He was a great example.

Now I'm just surrounded by the best in the business and the best teachers I could possibly have. I just think it's the perfect environment to improve as quickly as possible. I feel like I've just made so many improvements on this film. I feel like I've progressed so much more on this project than any other project I've been on before.

You've accomplished so much in your career already. What goals do you hope to reach in the world of Hollywood?

I just want to be able to show people that I can do much more than just fight. I also want to be able to contribute to stunts and choreography and that stuff as well because I am just so fascinated with it. I really feel like I have a lot to contribute, but also on the nonphysical side, I am so fascinated with it and have so much to learn. Any opportunity I'd be happy with, if anything was super physical, if anything was super drama or comedy or anything in between. I really love acting. It's something I really enjoy and I'm extremely passionate about it. I would do it for free. I'm here because I love it and I really enjoy myself. I really hope that it shows and people enjoy themselves watching me.

The fight scenes are pretty impressive in "Mile 22," especially Uwais'. Were you able to contribute to the choreography behind the scenes at all?

Oh no, that's Iko's area of expertise. He is like the Olympic champion of fight choreography. His style is so entirely different from mine. I would really love to collaborate with him and maybe someday create a fight that's us against each other or us together as a team. I just think that the huge difference between how we fight is really fascinating. I think that any fight is kind of a heightened conversation. I think we would have

Mark Wahlberg and Peter Berg STXFILMS

some very interesting conversations together. That's one thing I hope people take away from this film. They come in expecting to see me and Iko to be fighting or fighting each other, and when they don't see it, I hope that people will be demanding it and want to see it and we'll get that chance some time in the future.

U.S.-Russian relations play a big part in this film, and the subject is obviously a hot topic in the real world at the moment as well. Do you feel like this is the right time for this kind of project to showcase that dynamic?

That dynamic has been ongoing. It's nothing new. It's a very storied history. It's a very hot topic at the moment and very current, and I think that's part of what makes this film stand out so much from any other action or military film that we've seen in a very long time. I think it's entirely unique and it could be the beginning of a redefinition of the genre. I've never seen anything like this in action before. It has so much of everything that I feel like this is one of those movies that are so rewatchable that every single time that you watch it, you'll pick up on more details and more things. Living in an information era, this is so much information in such a small amount of time, I think this is something that's completely new in film. You can't digest it all at once. You enjoy it, of course, the first time just as much as you would the fourth time because I think you'll experience it differently every single time, where you're noticing other things that you never noticed before.

From international relations to the world of espionage and mass surveillance, the film covers many themes that are important today. Having worked on this project, does it make you worried at all about the world at large?

One thing that the movie does make me [think about] is surveillance in general, and how surveillance can be used for good and how it can be used for bad, and how it's something very dangerous that we need to handle delicately.

"Mile 22" opens in theaters Aug. 17.

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A quick and dirty conversation with Pauly Shore

The comic legend in town this weekend at Punch Line Philly.

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Pauly Shore brings the laughs to Philly this weekend. HOLLY PARKER

Born of comic royalty and raised in Los Angeles among giants of stand-up comedy and rock 'n' roll, Pauly Shore created a hybrid personae of both genres — with the essence of surfer/stoner lingo for good measure — and became a sensation of the burgeoning MTV era as a VJ (1989 to 1994), a film star ("Encino Man") and as an ace stand-up. Thirty years later, Shore is still riding a wave. Before he hit Punch Line Philly for a three-day stint (Aug. 17-19), he got on the phone to talk Trump, mom and more.

So what is funny to you now?
Donald Trump. Everything Trump. Donald Trump is hilarious to me.

As a student of history, I can rattle off a dozen terrible presidents — Warren G. Harding, Millard Fillmore — and remind you that they came and went. They all do.

That's why democracy is so great. It's not like with Putin or Kim Jong Il, who can vote themselves in for decades, although I bet Trump is in shock that he can't be there for 50 years. I bet he is looking for a way to bend the rules. "I'm doing such a great job, how can I stay in here forever?"

Is political humor a larger part of your kit bag going forward?
No. Trump is not a center of my humor onstage. I'm not dong political humor. I actually do have a few political jokes that I never seem to get to because I'm busy messing around doing other things. I just find Trump funny. I love politics, but at the end of the day, I'm a comic and I see comedy in everything. I am also in shock. Look, he'll be gone someday and we'll be a closer nation because of it. Usually when bad things happen, good things happen after it.

Are you worried about what is politically correct or off limits with comedy in 2018?
The audiences tell you about what boundaries they have, and what they will allow. Their response says it all. I have done jokes for people who have not responded at all, and been like "oh s—," and then I do a joke that was seemingly inappropriate, and they laugh like hell. The audience is the barometer as to where you can go. Funny is funny. If they laugh, they laugh.

Does any of that instinct come from your mom, Mitzi Shore?
Yes, definitely. I grew up watching the comic crème of the crop in the

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'70s and the '80s. They attacked subjects that were taboo and angled them in a way that was funny and risky. That was mom's outlook as well. She was funny.

Jim Carrey has called his "I'm Dying Up Here" series on Showtime the definitive look at The Comedy Store, your mother and her influence over comedy. Would you say that is true?

I haven't watched enough episodes to give a real opinion, but I don't think so. Jim Carrey did his version. That's not my version. Ultimately, it is about entertainment, whether it's about The Comedy Store, or him, or me. It's either a funny show or not a funny show. You have to make something for those who don't know who Mitzi Shore was, something that works for an audience who might just be sitting at home channel surfing.

"The audience is the barometer as to where you can go. Funny is funny. If they laugh, they laugh."

If you were to do a version of your story, and I hope you do, what would your take on your family's life look like?

It's a good question. I'm a generational guy, born in the late '60s, and experiencing the Sunset Strip from the '70s to the '90s. My story would be not just about The Comedy Store and my mom, but the entire Strip. Even going to West Hollywood High or being in Hollywood Cub Scouts or dating Charles Bronson's daughter. My story isn't just about comedy, but music. The Sunset Strip in the 1980s was the clitoris of rock 'n' roll, and of decadence. I loved it. I used to drive down the Strip with my mom as a kid, and punks would pour out of Black Flag concerts at The Roxy, and throw up on our windshield. When I made it in the Sam Kinison rock 'n' roll comedy era, I got to throw up on peoples' windshields.

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The heights of Quiara Alegría Hudes' 'In the Heights'

The Philly author's musical with Lin-Manuel Miranda celebrates its 10th anniversary with a vinyl box set and a filming announcement.

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If interviews are any good example, playwright-composer Quiara Alegría Hudes is as warm and smart offstage, as she is onstage.

You only need consider "Elliot, a Soldier's Fugue"; her 2012 Pulitzer Prize-winner, "Water by the Spoonful"; her recent Off-Broadway collaboration with jazz-folkie Erin McKeown, "Miss You Like Hell"; and the musical that Hudes penned with lyricist-songwriter Lin-Manuel Miranda, "In the Heights," as the best examples of her intelligent, emotive designs on family and tradition. "When it comes to family, I was the listener, the observer, so I captured all that was said, and all the traditions of both sides of my family," says Hudes, the West Philadelphia-born Puerto Rican/Jewish writer, who currently resides in New York.

It is the last item — "In the Heights," the spirited tale of the glories of Washington Heights, New York, and its passionate Latino continuum's soundtrack — that is of deep interest at present, as it is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a first release as a three-LP vinyl set.

And, after much negotiation (i.e., wrangling from the vile hands of Harvey Weinstein, who once owned the property for filming rights), the cinematic version of "In the Heights" has a new studio (Warner) and a director (Jon M. Chu, who just dropped "Crazy Rich Asians") behind it.

Though Hudes is currently finishing the Ghostlight label recording of "Miss You Like Hell" for October release ("Erin thinks more sneakily than I, more mischievously and in metaphors," she says of her collaborator) and starting her memoirs, she can never put aside the four years that she spent with "Hamilton" man Miranda working on "In the Heights."

Miranda's Washington Heights and Hudes' West and North Philadelphia ("that's where my abuela lived, and where most of my family still resides," she says), were not so different at time the playwright pair met. Her writings in the exploration of the Puerto Rican community — in particular, the bawdy and darkly comic coming-of-age story "The Adventures of Barrio Girl" — caught the attention of producers behind Miranda's then-next work. "Every time, they gave Lin script notes, he just wrote more songs, and his piece about his Puerto Rican community was turning into an opera ... rather than a traditional book musical." That is, until Miranda and Hudes met.

The hit production celebrates its 10th anniversary. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

"Our family stories had so many crossovers in terms of archetypes and family structure and dynamics. It was exciting. We went to his Washington Heights — I had only been living in NYC for barely two months at that point — and I found how different things were from my North Philly. There was more foot traffic in the Heights. It was more like New York City, an extension. North Philly then, it felt so isolated from the rest of the city when I was a kid. That's what I wrote about: the loneliness such isolation caused." Miranda added his own sense of jubilation and elevation. "He is a joy genius," says Hudes of her pal Miranda, with whom she is working on the film adaptation of "In the Heights," and the animated monkey musical, "Vivo." "Lin wakes up happy, and his good moods are infectious."

The great similarity between her North Philly and his Washington Heights was the music. Traveling down each city's central strip, music of all sorts — cumbia, jazz, opera, bachata, reggaeton — played from storefronts, houses and speeding cars. It is that "open windows, volume-to-11 culture of 20 different musics," that Hudes and Miranda set out to capture within "The Heights" and its good times. "As we live in such toxic times, where issues of immigration are so prevalent, those moving soundtracks are a great reminder of happier moments."

Ten years after the opening success of "In the Heights," Hudes recalls how each writer was in each other's business, and teasingly "cannibalized" from the others work ("he would take my book idea and put it into a song; I would take a lyric of his and make a new scene of it"), as a mark of "the wonderful thrill of collaboration." And as for hearing "In the Heights" in re-release form, and seeing the newly released vinyl box, Hudes says "it is like unwrapping a present, a gorgeous box with something special inside."

That "In the Heights" continues to give and unravel in its upcoming film version "with new songs, moments and such that we can't discuss, as yet," just makes that now-10-year-old musical a living, breathing document. "I think we made a distant place in some people's minds, into a real place where all people of all ethnicities can identify, a place with awnings and automobiles and Country Club soda in the fridge," says Hudes. "We make the Heights live."

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Everything you need to know about Philadelphia Folk Festival 2018

The four-day music festival returns this weekend.

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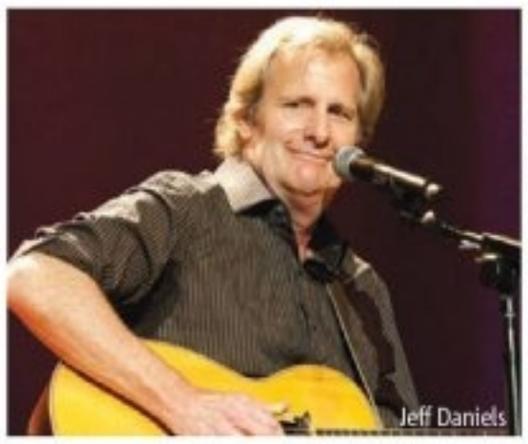

Jeff Daniels

Valerie June

Wynonna Judd

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Between the start of summer, Hall & Oates' HoagieNation and September's Made in America affair, Philly has little in the way of music festivals (Delaware's Firefly doesn't count). That's one of the reasons the 57th annual Philadelphia Folk Festival is such a big deal, as it fills a void. Besides, now that the fest has expanded beyond traditional folk to include hipster modernists such as Valerie June and out-and-out big-name country stars such as Wynonna Judd to go with its usual legends (e.g., David Bromberg), Philadelphia Folk Festival 2018 is as young and cool, as it is old and reliable. Here is everything you need to know about this year's fest.

When is it?

The Philadelphia Folk Festival 2018 will take place this weekend starting on Thursday, Aug. 16, and running through Sunday, Aug. 19, in Upper Salford Township.

Festival lineup

The Philadelphia Folk Festival 2018 lineup may be one of its most female-centric in terms of its big-time headliners, starting with campfire favorite Gina Chavez on Thursday, intimate country-ish storyteller Patty Griffin on Friday, the jazzy Valerie June on Saturday, and the big windup of Wynonna & The Big Noise on Sunday. The men (including the aforementioned Bromberg and actor Jeff Daniels with his son Ben's band) get some say-so on the bottom half of each night's bill. Along with each night's headliners, there are nearly 100 musical acts and carnival-like performers whose work is sprinkled throughout the campgrounds' stages during the festival — sometimes several shows, to boot.

Ticket information

Tickets are still available for the Philadelphia Folk Festival 2018 for both single-day passes as well as passes for the entire weekend. You can buy a membership to the fest-sponsoring Philadelphia Folk Society at different price levels. General admission for a single day will cost between $71 and $87 after fees; there is a general admission three-day pass (Friday-Sunday) for $207.41, and an all-camping pass (all four days) for $260.06 that gives you entrée to the stages and the campgrounds. There are VIP passes (Friend of the Festival) for $424.01, which include prime viewing areas, access to exclusive food and bars, artist meet-and-greets and more. Check out *pfs.org/2018-philadelphia-folk-fest* for more info.

Who to see

Thursday night: Gina Chavez, Talisk and Toronzo Cannon

Friday night: Patty Griffin, David Bromberg Quintet and Riders in the Sky

Saturday night: Valerie June, Chris Smither, Vanessa Collier, Eileen Ivers and Balsam Range

Sunday night: Wynonna & The Big Noise, Shovels & Rope and Jeff Daniels and the Ben Daniels Band

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MUSIC

Miranda Lambert

The doyenne of smart-alecky country — be it rockabilly-tinged groovers or emotive ballads — hits the Camden waterfront with Little Big Town as her opening act. Good show.
Aug. 18, 7 p.m., BB&T Pavilion, 1 Harbour Blvd., Camden, N.J., $25+, ticketmaster.com

MUSIC

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Cher

Along with keeping her legend intact by playing the grand Spector-ian hits she did with Sonny Bono in the 1960s ("I Got You Babe") and on her own in the '70s ("Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves"), Cher has continued with electro-disco hits ("Believe") and, come this September, an album of ABBA songs titled "Dancing Queen." You go.
Aug. 17-18, 8 p.m., Borgata Event Center at the Borgata Casino, 1 Borgata Way, Atlantic City, N.J., theborgata.com

Blake Shelton

OK, this is weird. Lambert's ex-husband, the country guy from "The Voice," is playing a concert just miles from his ex-wife. Dang.
Aug. 18, 8 p.m. Hard Rock Casino Etess Arena, 1000 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N.J., $100+ hardrockhotelatlanticcity.com/entertainment

COMEDY

Josh Blue

The Blue man grabbed our attention by winning NBC's "Last Comic Standing" competition — to say nothing of his Comedy Central stand-up special — and never let go.
Aug. 16-18, various times after 7:30 p.m. each night, Helium Comedy Club, 2031 Sansom St., $17+, philadelphia.heliumcomedy.com

FAMILY

Festival of India at the Great Plaza

Penn's Landing has many great international fests, but, this daylong celebration of all aspects of Indian culture — from its food and art to its fashion and music— is always a worthwhile adventure.
Aug. 18, noon, Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, 101 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., free, indiacouncil.org/festival-of-india

FILM

Mustard Seed Film Festival

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Aug. 16-19, 4 p.m., Asian Arts Initiative, 1219 Vine St., prices vary, asianartsinitiative.org

Billionaires Boy Club

This is probably the last film that Kevin Spacey will ever make, so watch at your peril.
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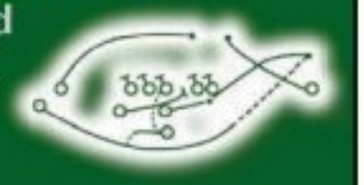

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2018 FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT ADVICE: TARGET COOK, CROWELL

OPINION

BILL DUBIEL

New York Jets running back Isaiah Crowell might be an underrated backfield option that could yield some solid points for you in your fantasy league. GETTY IMAGES

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CAN'T IGNORE COOK'S SKY-HIGH CEILING

The big factor that will help Dalvin Cook take a step forward is going to be how much Cook improves in the passing game. He only saw 15 targets in his four games, but he hauled 11 of those in for 90 yards. Obviously, Cook was not the primary passing-down back last year (that was Jerick McKinnon's role), so it's certainly not fair to write off any receiving production that he might add. It's a borderline guarantee that he will rack up 400 receiving yards in 2018, as the only real competition for snaps he has is Latavius Murray. Cook is the clear workhorse in that offense, and he'll be on the field for a majority of snaps in all situations. It's perfectly possible that they use Latavius Murray as the goal line back, but Cook will more than make up for any losses there with his dominance of passing-down snaps.

ROLL THE DICE ON CROWELL

Isaiah Crowell's situation is actually pretty similar to Dalvin Cook's in that his next big leap is predicated on him taking a step forward in the passing game. Whether it's Josh McCown, Teddy Bridgewater or Sam Darnold under center for the Jets, the offense isn't going to be considered high-flying by any means. The Jets will be focused on controlling the ball on offense, and that means plenty of action for the running backs. Bilal Powell will certainly still be a factor, but if Crowell can continue to prove his capability in the passing game — like he did with a 16-yard catch-and-run for a TD in the Jets preseason opener — then he should have no problem assuming the lion's share of the touches in that backfield. I don't believe he has an RB1 ceiling by any means, but at his current ADP (RB35, 85 overall), he should be a great value pick in the seventh or eighth round of your fantasy drafts regardless of what format you play in.

TOO MANY COOKS IN THE KITCHEN WITH KERRYON

I don't think it's too much to assume that Kerryon Johnson is the most talented back in the Detroit backfield. The Lions took him in the second round of this year's draft, and any skill player with that much draft capital attached to him is a near-lock to be a key part of future plans. However, I don't see Johnson assuming that key role in 2018. While they invested draft capital on Johnson, the Lions also signed early-down bruiser LeGarrette Blount in the off-season and he certainly isn't on the team to ride the pine. They've also kept Theo Riddick locked into a roster spot, as he's been a key to their offense on passing downs in recent years. With Blount on the field for early downs and Riddick on the field for passing downs, where does the volume come from for Johnson? He'll definitely get the opportunity to show his stuff this season, but if that's 10-12 inconsistent touches a game, he's simply not worth the draft day investment. In Round 6 or 7, take a guy with higher upside like Marlon Mack, Robert Woods, Cooper Kupp or the aforementioned Crowell.

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What to watch for as Birds face Pats

In preseason action, the Patriots take on the team that beat them in Super Bowl LII.

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Nick Foles will see some action on Thursday night. GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles kicked off the 2018 NFL preseason last Thursday against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Even though they did not secure the victory, losing 31-14, preseason is all about progression. Philadelphia's coaching staff got to see quarterback Nate Sudfeld extensively and saw rookie tight end Dallas Goedert and second-year wide receiver Shelton Gibson score touchdowns.

However, Thursday's preseason game will be a tad bit different as veteran quarterback Nick Foles will be making his 2018 preseason debut.

What should we expect from Foles and what else should we be looking out for in the Eagles' second preseason game?

To answer those questions and more, here are three things to watch for:

1 Foles vs. Brady II

Not only will this be Foles' preseason debut, it will also be Brady's. The last time we saw Brady was in Super Bowl 52, throwing a desperation Hail Mary pass to possibly win the game. However, that pass would be incomplete and the Eagles won their first Super Bowl in franchise history. It should be interesting to see how both signal callers look in this game, even though they will not play that many snaps.

Eagles head coach Doug Pederson was asked about Foles' availability on Tuesday heading into Thursday's game. Foles missed last week's game with an upper-body injury.

"I do expect him to get in the game. For how long I don't know, but I do expect him to get a few plays in this game," said Pederson.

This game will not have the same magnitude that the Super Bowl boasted, but it will be fun to see Foles run some plays with the first team offense.

2 Youth movement

Aforementioned, Goedert and Gibson definitely made their presence felt in the Eagles' preseason opener. Goedert, this year's second-round pick, had a nice touchdown grab in the second quarter and finished the game with four receptions for 66 yards.

In terms of Gibson, he blew past Steelers cornerback Dashaun Phillips showcasing his speed for a 63-yard touchdown reception. It was a much-needed play from Gibson, who had a disappointing preseason last year.

Defensively, rookie fourth-round pick defensive end Josh Sweat flashed a couple of times on the field, while second-year cornerback Rasul Douglas had an interception.

Therefore, with the first game in the books, who might stand out on Thursday?

A few options could be undrafted free agent running back Josh Adams, who had a solid debut against the Pittsburgh Steelers, wide receivers Rashard Davis, Greg Ward Jr., and cornerbacks Sidney Jones and Avonte Maddox.

3 Third linebacker spot

In last week's preseason opener, the Eagles named second-year linebacker Nate Gerry the starter at the will spot. The former safety out of the University of Nebraska impressed head coach Doug Pederson with his smarts and versatility. He finished the game with four tackles.

While Gerry may have the inside track on winning the job, third-year linebacker Kamu Grugier-Hill is still making his case too. The former Eastern Illinois University product had a nice game against the Steelers with six total tackles.

Pederson said after last week's game that he feels like Grugier-Hill has done a good job and is off to a good camp.

By no means necessary is the competition for the starting will spot is over. Matter of fact, it is just getting started.

Whoever plays the best on Thursday night and next week against the Cleveland Browns will be starting on Sept. 6 against the Atlanta Falcons.

Rhys Hoskins blasted his 23rd homer of the season Tuesday at Citizens Bank Park. GETTY IMAGES

Phillies continue to thrive at home

The Phils have a 38-18 record at Citizens Bank Park this season.

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They're not in Kansas. But when the Phillies click their red pinstriped heels together they have the same feeling as Dorothy being separated from Auntie Em.

There's no place like home for them, too.

Heading into this week's mini-series with the best-in-baseball Boston Red Sox, no one in the National League was enjoying home cooking more than Gabe Kapler's team.

At Citizens Bank Park, they've feasted on the opposition all season with a record of 38-18. But their sorry 27-34 record away from the home confines — 4-8 since the all-star break– has knocked them behind the surging Atlanta Braves into second place in the NL East.

With 25 of their final 45 games at home (including Sunday's five-game series finale with the New York Mets at Williamsport, PA, home of the Little League World Series), the Phils figure to stay in the race to the end.

That's assuming they can maintain any semblance of the pace they've established so far and maybe even win a few more on the road.

There's no tangible difference that the Phillies can point to on why they play better at home, but they still know it's there.

"Just the comfort of home, I think," said Rhys Hopkins, who came off a 1-for-21 western road trip, then promptly slammed his 23rd homer for the Phils' only run in Tuesday's 2-1 loss to the Sox.

"You get to sleep in your own bed. You know your routine at home. What you do before the game that makes you feel most comfortable," he said.

Along with the routine, Hoskins credits the fans for coming out to the ballpark and showing their support.

"I think the fans of late have really shown up for us and brought energy. As players, you feed off that extra adrenaline, which kicks in with a close game. The fans have been awesome with that."

Visiting players also notice the impact that Phillies fans have at home games.

Two weeks ago, Justin Bour was a firsthand observer when the Phils swept his Miami Marlins, despite Bour crushing three home runs.

Now a Phillie, he says this place definitely makes its presence felt.

"Obviously it's tough to come here as an opposing team," said Bour, who'd been playing in a park filled with empty seats in Miami.

"I think a lot of places are very home friendly. Citizens Bank Park is one of those. It's a place that has very supportive fans who are engaged in the game, understand what's going on and are very passionate about the city and the team," he explained.

"I'm very excited to be here and be a member of the Phillies."

Make no mistake: They say hearing cheers and encouragement rather than jeers matters.

"Anytime you have people in attendance pulling for you it's going to provide motivation, for sure," said Jake Arrieta, who came to the Phillies after spending five years with the Chicago Cubs and their rabid fan base.

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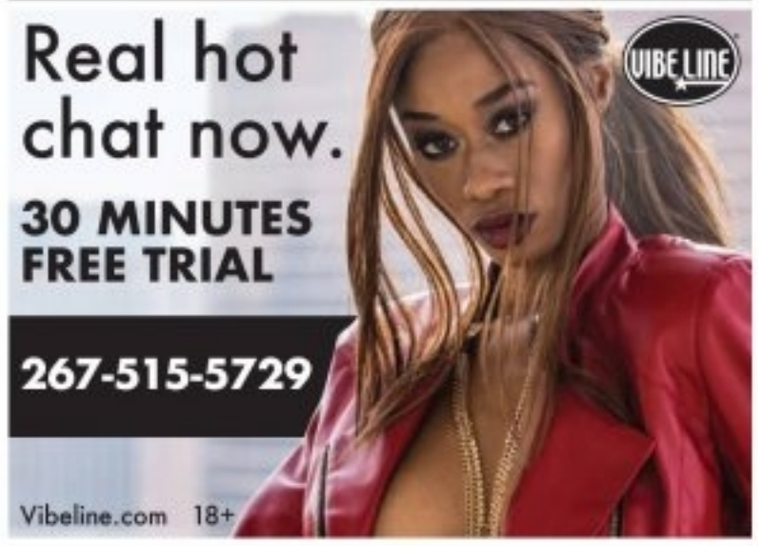

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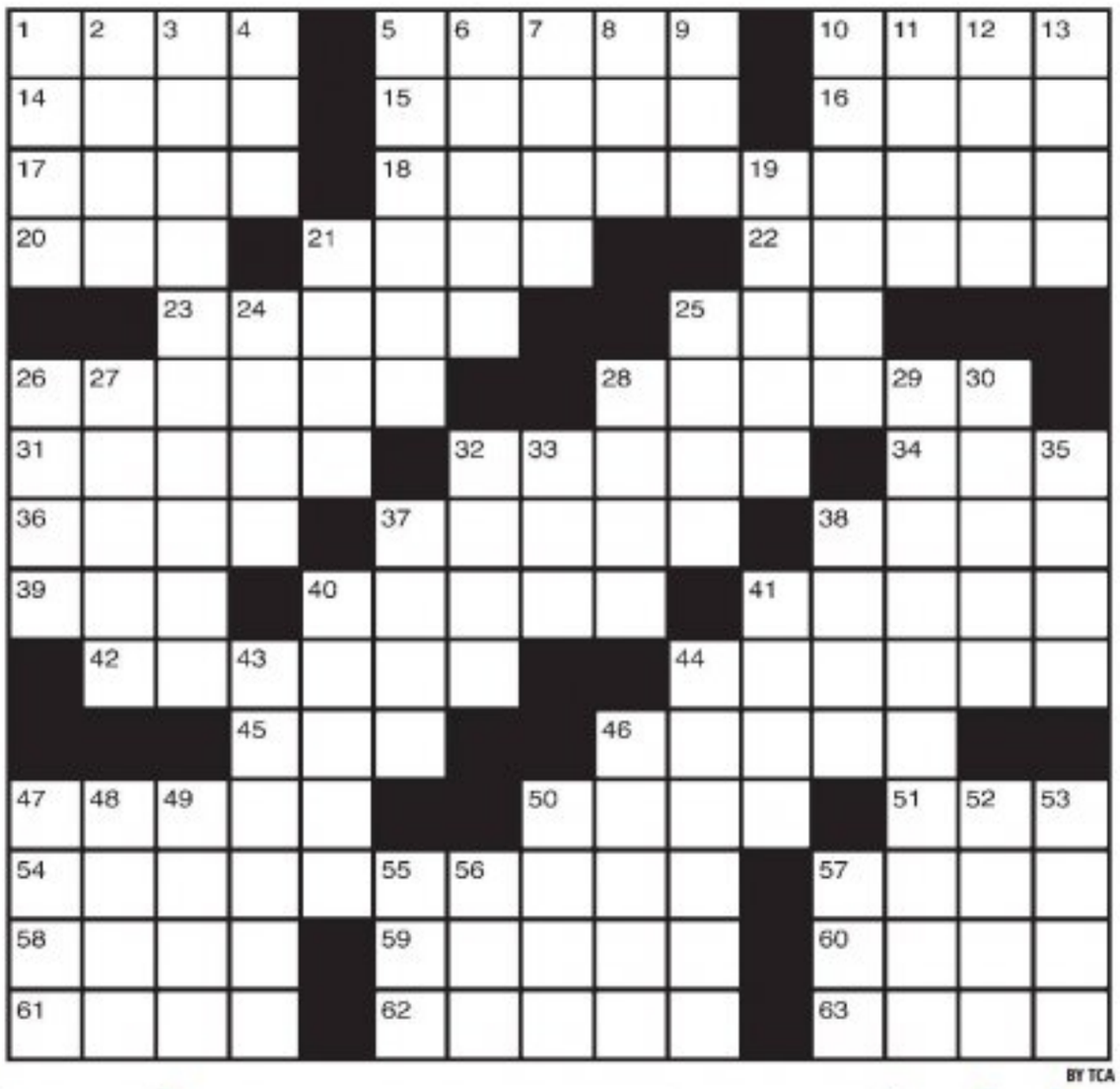

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